



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1156

**A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study
and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the federal share
of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California,
Regional Water Reclamation Project**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources
on May 19, 2004*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1156 would add \$60 million to the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the federal share of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project. Under current law, the maximum federal share for this project is \$20 million. The federal government has spent \$11 million on the project to date.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1156 would cost \$60 million over the 2005-2009 period. Enacting this bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1156 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The additional federal funds authorized by this bill would benefit the Orange County Water District.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1156 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1156 will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2004 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated in equal amounts over the 2005-2007 period. According to the Bureau of Reclamation, funding for the project is scheduled to be completed in fiscal year 2007. Based on historical spending of similar projects, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$60 million over the 2005-2009 period.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law for Orange County Reclamation Project						
Authorization Level ^a	3	2	4	3	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	3	3	3	1	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	20	20	20	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	13	17	20	7	3
Spending Under H.R. 1156 for Orange County Reclamation Project						
Authorization Level ^a	3	22	24	23	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	16	20	23	8	3

a. The 2004 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1156 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The additional federal funds authorized by this bill would benefit the Orange County Water District.

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